

# Sartang language

**Sartang** is a small language of India. It is one of the Kho-Bwa languages,<sup>[3]</sup> closest to Sherdukpen (50–60% lexical similarity).<sup>[1]</sup> Varieties include Sartang of Jergaon and Sartang of Rahung (Blench 2015).<sup>[4]</sup>

## Distribution

Sartang (Boot Monpa) is spoken in the villages of Khoitam, Rahung, Namku-thangka (Salari), and Boot (Jerigaon) Khoina, West Kameng District (Dondrup 2004:1).<sup>[5]</sup> There were 2,986 Sartang people as of 1996.

The Ethnologue lists Jerigaon, Sallery, Khoitam, Rahung, Darbu and Khoina villages in Nafra and Dirang circles, West Kameng district.

## Varieties

According to Roger Blench (2015),<sup>[4]</sup> Sartang is a cover term referring to various languages spoken in 11 villages southeast of Dirang in Nafra and Dirang circles in West Kameng District. There are 4 varieties total, and only Sartang of Rahung and Sartang of Jergaon have been documented.

Lieberherr & Bodt (2017)<sup>[6]</sup> list the following varieties.

- **Rahung**: spoken in Rahung village and nearby hamlets. Approximately 600 speakers.
- **Khoitam**: spoken in two main villages and nearby hamlets. Approximately 500 speakers.
- **Jerigaon**: spoken in Jerigaon village. Approximately 400 speakers.
- **Khoina**: spoken in Khoina village and nearby hamlets. Approximately 500 speakers.

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<b>Sartang</b>	
	<i>But(pa)</i>
<b>Native to</b>	India
<b>Region</b>	Arunachal Pradesh
<b>Native speakers</b>	1,000 (2005) <sup>[1]</sup>
<b>Language family</b>	Possibly Tibeto-Burman <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Kho-Bwa</li> <li>▪ Mey-Sartang</li> <li>▪ Sartang</li> </ul>
<b>Language codes</b>	
<b>ISO 639-3</b>	onp
<b>Glottolog</b>	<a href="http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/sart1249">sart1249</a> ( <a href="http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/sart1249">http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/sart1249</a> )

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